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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
DIRECTOR OF EXTENSION WORK
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Circular Letter
Rural Resettlement - No. 1

June 10, 1935

Directors of Extension.



Re: Rural Rehabilitation and Resettlement.

As you know, the rehabilitation of individual farm families and the resettlement of farm families now located on Federal land purchase areas, where resettlement of the latter is necessary, formerly an activity of the Rural Rehabilitation Division of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, has been transferred by executive order to the Resettlement Administration, of which Dr. Rexford G. Tugwell is Administrator. This work will be directly under the supervision of Dr. Carl C. Taylor.

When the Committee on Extension Organization and Policy and several other State Extension Directors were in Washington early in May they conferred with Dr. Tugwell and Dr. Taylor with reference to plans for cooperation between the Resettlement Administration and the Extension Service in rural rehabilitation and resettlement. A tentative draft of suggestions for cooperation was submitted at that time to Dr. Tugwell, with the suggestion that a special committee come to Washington a little later and sit with a committee representing the Resettlement Administration in drafting a definite plan for cooperation. This committee, consisting of Director H. C. Ramsower of Ohio, Chairman, Director T. B. Symons of Maryland, Director D. P. Trent of Oklahoma, Director C. W. Creel of Nevada, Director A. M. Eberle of South Dakota, and myself, met with representatives of the Resettlement Administration on June 6 and 7 for the purpose of drafting a memorandum of agreement regarding cooperation between the two agencies on rural rehabilitation and resettlement. The representatives of the Resettlement Administration at this conference were Mr. W. W. Alexander, Assistant Administrator, Dr. Carl C. Taylor, Director of Rehabilitation and Resettlement, Mr. Paul V. Maris, and Mr. J. R. Allgyer. Directors Schaub, Umberger, Carrigan, Kendall, and Simons sat in a part of the conferences. The resulting memorandum was unanimously approved by the Extension Directors and the representatives of the Resettlement Administration.

Three copies of this memorandum are enclosed for your information. It is our suggestion that copies be made available to your State Leader of County Agent Work, and State Leader of Home Demonstration Work. Copies are being sent by the Resettlement Administration to their regional and State representatives. I would like to have you and members of your staff who are concerned go over this memorandum carefully, and inform me at as early date as possible whether or not it is satisfactory from your standpoint. It is probable that a representative of the Resettlement Administration will desire to confer with you regarding cooperation at an early date.

Yours very truly,

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